

NETWORK WITH MOBILE TERMINALS HAVING WIRELESS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND METHOD FOR DOING SAME

ABSTRACT

A system and method are provided for allowing a user to perform information management tasks and access the Internet (26). The system includes at least one terminal (20, 21) that is part of a group and capable of wireless communication, an Access Provider (AP) unit (22), an Internet Service Provider (ISP) (24), a server (28) for authenticating the terminal (20, 21), and a global unit (34) for providing the internet address of the server (28) to the terminal (20, 21). The method includes the steps of powering on the terminal (20, 21), establishing a communication link with a gateway to obtain an internet address for the terminal (20, 21) relative to an internet address of the gateway, obtaining an internet address for the server (28), and establishing a shared communication session between the terminal (20, 21) and the server (28) to allow access to information management services.